Rev. M. M. Wood
ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Steep Creek Church, Lowndes County, Ala.,

October 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1893.

OFFICERS:

J. E. KOLB, Moderator.....Rutledge, Ala.
C C. LLOYD, CLERK.....Greenville, "
S. A. SATTERWHITE, Treasurer.....Letohatchie, "

The next session will be held with Antioch Church, Butler County, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1894. Introductory Sermon by W. H. Cheatham; alternate, W. C. Avant. Missionary Sermon by T. E. Morgan; alternate, C. C. Lloyd.

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MINUTES.

STEEP CREEK CHURCH, LOWNDES CO., ALA.,
FRIDAY, Oct. 6, 1893.

The delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association, met with Steep Creek Church, Lowndes county, Ala. The Association being called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. E. Kolb. Prayer was offered by same.

The appointee, Elder T. E. Morgan, being unwell, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. C. Lloyd. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. The letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—J. T. Helms, Wm. Swarner, M. W. Rushton, *Eld. W. C. Avant.
Siloam—Eld. J. E Kolb, *I. F. Helms, *J. B Swarner, J. C. Killough.
Damascus—*J. F. Barrett, Joseph Kierce, *W. F. Andress.
Union—Eld. T. E. Morgan, *E. F. Morgan, *W. E. Wells, J. W. Holloway.
Chapel Hill—T. T. Dobbs, *W. H. Rodgers, *J. C. Lee, Z. W. Petty.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Spring Creek—T. L Bowden, J. I. Perdue, *P. P. Perdue.
Mountain Hill—L D. Barfield, *R. L. Hall, R T. Poole.
Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, D S. Hurst W. P. McQueen.
New Ebenezer—*J. D. Massey, Jeff Cook. *B. W. Addison.
Panola—J. M. Stevens, *S. S. Loe, G. R. Vickery.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—S. A. Satterwhite, T. L. S. Grace, M. F. Williams.
New Bethel—D. L. Hagood, J. R. Strickland.
Ellis—W. L. Hudson, *F. M. May.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Indian Creek—E. L Harrison, *J. G. Rodgers, J. H. Bush, H. Dees.
Good Hope—H. P. Watts, *R. E. Peagler.
Antioch—*J. T. Day, *Wm. Dickens, Enoch Stuckey, N. F. Perry, Eld. C. C. Lloyd.
Grand Hill—Not represented.

Organization: Eld. J. E. Kolb, Moderator; Eld. C. C. Lloyd, Clerk; S. A. Satterwhite, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Received correspondence.

Rev. S. J. Catts, of Montgomery Association, was received and welcomed by this body in its deliberations.

*Absentees.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, etc., representing the various denominational interests, was cordially received and invited to seats with us.

Ordered that the Committee on Religious Literature embrace also that of Books and Periodicals, and that the name of J. C. Fonville be added.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT AT PRESENT SESSION.

On Nominations—T. T. Dobbs, T. L S. Grace, J C. Killough
On Documents and State of Religion—J. C. Fonville, Joshua Perdue, J. H. Bush.
On Finance—W. P. McQueen, J. C Fonville, E L Harrison.
On Auditing—D. S. Hurst, R. T. Poole, N. F. Perry.
On Time and Place of Meeting—Enoch Stuckey, Joseph Kierce, D. L. Hagood.
On Ministerial Education—Eld. J E. Kolb, Chairman.
On Foreign Missions—Eld. T. E. Morgan, Chairman.
On Home and State Missions—J. W. Holloway, Chairman.
On Religious Literature—Eld. T. E Morgan, Chairman.
On Obituaries—C. C. Lloyd, S A, Satterwhite, W. P. McQueen.
On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Steep Creek Church, with brethren T. T. Dobbs and J. R. Strickland.

Report on religious exercises received and adopted.

Adjourned till 9 a. m, Saturday.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

9. a. m. Devotional exercises by Eld. T. E. Morgan.

Clerk read minutes of yesterday. Adopted.

Clerk read Order of Business. Adopted.

Clerk read report of Executive Committee. After discussion by Kolb, Satterwhite, Catts, Rushton, Fonville and Crumpton, it was adopted.

Bro. Rushton read report on Foreign Missions. After remarks by Crumpton, Catts and others, the report was adopted.

Cash collection for Foreign Missions, $8.00. Adjourned for dinner.

Evening Session.

2. p. m. Prayer by Bro. Kierce.

Bro. Fonville read report on Documents and State of Religion. After discussion by Fonville, Catts, Crumpton, Morgan, Rushton, and others, it was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association take up a collection to pay balance due the evangelist.

Cash collection for evangelist $100.75.

Resolution by Bro. Rushton that we endorse the movement on foot of establishing the Orphans' Home by the Baptists of Alabama, and rally to its support wherever located by the State Convention. Adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Time and Place of Meeting. Adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report program for to-morrow, as follows:

Prayer meeting at 9 a. m. by Eld. C. C. Lloyd.

Sunday-school address by M. W. Rushton at 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Eld. J. E. Kolb.

Adjourned till 9. a. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

9 a. m. Prayer meeting by Bro. Lloyd.

Sunday-school address at 10 a. m. by Bro. M. W. Rushton.

Sister Clara Ansley, in charge of the Orphans' Home, Evergreen, with an interesting little girl of the orphan family, was with us and in common with us all, rejoiced at the liberal collection to forward the grand work in which she is engaged.

Cash collection for Orphans' Home, $41.80.

On motion of Bro. Fonville, this Association pledges $25.00, to be paid next session to Sisters Shackelford and Moseley, for building a church near Pintlala, Grange Hall.

Adjourned for dinner.

Evening Session.

2. p. m. Devotional exercises by Eld. T. E. Morgan.

Missionary sermon by Eld. J. E. Kolb.

Clerk read report on Sunday-schools. Adopted.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY—Morning Session.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises by Bro. E. L. Harrison.

Bro. Morgan read report on Religious Literature. After remarks by Morgan, Lloyd, Catts and Morgan, the report was adopted.

Moved we recommend Southern series Sunday-school literature.

Bro. Holloway read report on Home and State Missions. After discussion by Holloway, Catts and others, was adopted.

Clerk read report on Temperance. Remarks by brethren Kolb, Morgan, Dobbs, Lloyd and Vickery. Adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Bible Cause. Adopted.

Treasurer's report read by Bro. Satterwhite. Adopted.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Eld. J. E. Kolb. Alternate—J. W. Holloway.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

W. P. Bullock, C. C. Lloyd, H. P. Watts, J. E Kolb, S. A. Satterwhite, R. P. Cross, E. L. Harrison, T. S. L. Grace, Joseph Kierce.

Resolved, That Bradleyton, a mission station, be added to the list of weak churches, to be assisted by this Association. Adopted.

Report of Finance Committee read by Bro. W. P. McQueen. Adopted.

Auditing Committees report read and adopted.

The Clerk was directed to correct finance exhibit, the Clerk to be paid $8 00.

The Association to meet next year with Antioch Church, Butler county, Ala.

Resolution by Bro. Holloway—

Resolved, That this Association tender her thanks to this church and community, especially the ladies, for their kindness toward us during our stay with them, and we hope to meet them in heaven where there'll be no more parting.

Adopted by a rising vote.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

Home and State Missions—M. W. Rushton, J. W. Holloway, E. L. Harrison.
Foreign Missions—W. H. Cheatham, J. W. Holloway, E. L. Harrison.
Religious Literature—J. E. Kolb, W. P. Bush, R. L. Poole.
Schools and Colleges—C. C. Lloyd, Joseph Kierce, J. W. Stevens.
Temperance—S A. Satterwhite, J. C. Abbott, Jeff Cook.
Indigent Ministers—I. F Helms, J H. Bush, Enoch Stuckey.
Sunday Schools—W. P. McQueen, J. C. Routon, J. E. Roper.
Bible Cause—W. C. Avant, David Hurst, T. T Dobbs.

The parting hand was given. Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer by Bro. Lloyd.

Benediction by Bro. Morgan.

Adjourned to meet next year with Antioch.

J. E. Kolb, Moderator.

C. C. Lloyd, Clerk.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg to report that in obedience to the order of the association, we met in November and employed Eld. J E. Kolb to labor six months for which we agreed to give him $250.00 with instructions to visit the churches in the association, during the busy season, and after 1st of July to give his whole time where he saw the greatest good could be done. We recommend the discontinuance of the Evangelistic's work in the Association, but recommend a continuation of the Executive Board for the purpose of raising funds to assist weak churches in supporting their pastors, and ask that the churches and individuals continue their pledges for this purpose as heretofore. Bro. Kolb reports that he began his work Feb. 12, and ended Oct. 2. Preached 104 sermons, attended 33 Prayer-meetings, visited 149 families, held 107 Religious conversations, assisted to ordain 4 Deacons, Baptized 23 converts, traveled 1481 miles, reorganized old Philadelphia church at Bradleyton, and thinks there's an opening to build up a strong church at that point, though it needs some aid and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. McQueen, Ch'n. Pro tem.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report that all persons should be educated. Especially should the ministry be educated, that they may be relieved from embarrassmet in expounding the scriptures, and if possible should have a thorough education. And we would recommend that parents give more attention to the education of their children, thus dispensing with the necessity of a special education to the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Lloyd, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home and State Missions beg leave to report that according to the statistics of the Baptist State convention the spirit of missions is on the increase, although we as an association according to the letters from the churches have done but little; but we think the brethren and sisters are becoming more interested in the spirit of giving. May we as one man pray the Lord that we may be more zealous in giving, for we are taught in God's word that in order that we might be saved, He gave his only son.

Respectfully submitted,
Jno. W. Holloway, Ch'n.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee recommend that the members of the churches read and study the Bible. First, because it is the word of God, and is truth without any mixture of error, and is able to make us wise unto salvation. It is the will of God writen, witnessed and sealed by the precious blood of Christ. We further recommend that we take and read our denominational papers, and supply our children in the Sunday-schools with the best Baptist literature to be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
T. E Morgan, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

We are not making the progress in foreign fields we would like, but under the circumstances have much reason to feel grateful for the progress we are making. Encouraging news comes from China, Japan, Mexico, Cuba and other fields where we have sent missionaries All the money that can be raised is being spent in teaching and pointing those who "know not God" to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." Let us all pray that he inc oming year may far excel any previous year in spreading the gospel in these foreign fields.

M. W. Rushton, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is one of the greatest avenues of the church for work. A great thinker has said "that the Sunday-school is the church at work." On an examination of the church letters, your committee is pained to find only five Sunday-schools in the bounds of our Association, located as follows: Union, 60 pupils; New Bethel, 20; Steep Creek, 40; Chapel Hill, 40; Spring Creek, 30. It makes us sad to see so little interest in this part of our work, and may God inspire new zeal in the furtherance of this great cause; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That every pastor earnestly urge that Sunday-schools be organized at each of his churches. 2nd, That each pastor preach at least one sermon during the year on Sunday schools. 3rd, That every delegate of this body strive to bring this subject to the front.

Humbly submitted, Joseph Kierce, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Having examined the church letters, we find: 1st. New Bethel church asks for letter of dismission to join Selma association; that Bro. J. J. Hagood has been ordained to the full work of the ministry. 2. The church at Indian Creek, and also at Antioch, invites the next session of the Association. Three or four churches report prayer meetings, and five report Sunday

schools. Several churches report revivals, and there has been more than the usual increase in members. The loss by death is also greater. The small amount of money sent up for various purposes, indicates poverty and hard times more than lack of interest in religious work. The contributions indicate more interest in people afar off than those nearer home. Your committee hesitatingly calls attention to the fact that obligations entered into are perhaps lost sight of in too much zeal for appearance of interest in "Greenland's Icy Mountains" and "India's Coral Strand." We learn from letters and other sources that $131.75 has been sent up to liquidate an indebtedness of $250.00. We recommend that all collections of money at this session be put into the Treasury to settle with Bro. Kolb, our evangelist. Union church has ordained two deacons. J. B. Morgan and J. O. Killough.

Respectfully submitted,
T. E. Morgan, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report that the statistics of this country show that four-fifths of the crimes committed are traceable to the use of intoxicating beverages, and about one-half the inmates of our insane asylums have been brought to this condition by this liquid distillation of the dram shop. The devil never had a more mighty weapon with which to attack the cause of Christ. We favor abstainance from it in toto, urging all the churches to take hold and work to that end. Let us vote for no man in office who gets drunk, or favors the liquor traffic. Let us labor to secure County and State prohibition with constitutional prohibition as our end. In the meantime, let all be done that can be to punish the violation of existing laws. Let prohibition and the enforcement of the law be our watchword.

Respectfully submitted,
E L Harrison, Chairman.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is the only book that reveals the only true and living God in contradistinction to false Gods. Truly it is "the way, the truth and the life," and leads us in the way of true happiness, peace and success in this life and the life to come. No earnest seeker after truth is ever led astray by the Bible, and yet, it is but little understood, because but little read. Baptist people profess to hold its teachings in higher esteem than all others, and yet, doubtless, there are Baptists in this association who do not even own a Bible. Some years ago I knew a Baptist deacon, who had no Bible or Testament in his house. Those who know most of God's word know most of God, love Him most and value their own souls, and those of others most, and have the brightest hope of heaven. Therefore every lover of God ought to see to it that every Christian at least, owns a Bible and reads it.

We would recommend that a sufficient fund be raised in this association for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments to be sold to those able to buy and given to those unable. For the information of those who may not know, we would state that the American Baptist Publication Society publishes Bibles of different translations, in English, also in many other languages. They sell at low rates to those able to buy, and give to the destitute. We recommend that Baptist patronize our own publishing houses exclusively.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Lloyd, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, present the following: To preach the Introductory Sermon next year, Eld. W. H. Cheatham; Eld. W. C. Avant, alternate.

Eld. T. E. Morgan to preach Missionary Sermon; Eld. C. C. Lloyd, alternate.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, 1894.

J. E Kolb	$ 5 00	E. L. Harrison	$ 2 50
Damascus	5 00	Antioch	5 00
Union	10 00	J. C Killough	2 50
Chapel Hill	2 50	H. Dees	1 00
Mountain Hill	5 00	R P. Cross	5 00
Hickory Grove	10 00	E. L. Bowden	2 50
New Ebenezer	5 00	C. C. Lloyd	2 50
Panola	5 00	J. I. Perdue	2 50
Steep Creek	10 00		
Total			$ 81 00

PLEDGES FOR ORPHANS' HOME, DUE 1st NOV., 1893.

New Bethel Church	$ 2 50	C. C. Lloyd	$ 1 00
Steep Creek Church	10 00	Mrs. Alexander	1 00
Hickory Grove Church	10 00	Mrs. Frimire	50
Indian Creek Church	3 00	Mrs. Mitchell	1 00
J. A. Ramey	2 00	Mrs. Merritt	25
H. P. Watts	50	Mrs. Poole	1 00
G. R. Vickery	50	Mrs. Williams	1 00
Sister Robinson	5 00	E. Holmes	5 00
Sister Fannie Roper	50	A. J. Jenkins	2 00
Willie and Lana Varner	1 00	Z. W. Petty	1 00
Total			$48 75

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts, report that since last we met it has pleased our Father in Heaven to remove from labor here to rest in Heaven, our beloved brother, Eld. R. M. Burt. Bro. Burt was no ordinary man. Feeling himself a sinner saved by grace, he went forth bearing aloft the unsullied banner of King Emanuel, and for many years preached the unsearchable riches of Christ. The writer knew him long and well. He possessed unusual powers of persuasion, and thus led many precious souls to Christ during his ministry. And now full of years and Christian honors, he lays aside his armors bright and burnished by constant service—

"And anchors in the blessed port
Forever from the storm."

Therefore, be it resolved, 1st, That we bow with humble resignation to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, 2d, That we tender to his bereaved family and loved ones our heartfelt sympathies praying upon them God's choicest blessings.

We would urge upon the churches that they keep a record and send up the names of all members who die, that their names may appear in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Lloyd, Chairman.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the Treasurer's report, together with the vouchers, and find them correct. We have also examined the report of Finance Committee and find it correct.

J. W. Holloway, Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

W. H. Cheatham	Greenville, Ala
C. C Lloyd	" "
J. E Kolb	Rutledge, "
W. C. Avant	" "
T. E. Morgan	Honoraville, "
J. G. Thomas	" "
J. T. Davidson	" "

LICENTIATES.

Z. W. Petty.....Rutledge, Ala.
M. Pruitt.....Fort Deposit, "
E. S. Perry.....Searcy, "
M. Dickens..... " "

FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

First District—C. H. Morgan.
Second District—W. P. McQueen.
Third District—J. M Dickinson.
Fourth District—H. P. Watts.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. T. Helmes,
J. B. Foster,
Joseph Kierce,
J. A. Killough,
T. T. Dobbs,
T. L. Bowden,
R. T. Poole,
W. P. McQueen.
Jeff Cook,
J. M. Stephens,
T. L. S. Grace,
J. E Roper,
E L. Harrison,
R. E. Peagler,
J. T. Day,
J. M. Hawkins.

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	Members'p last Reported.	In'crse by				D'crse by				Present Membership.	No. who take Denominati'nal pap'r	Sunday-school Pupils.	Preaching Sabaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.						
Antioch	Butler	C. C. Lloyd	G. P. Hawkins	Searcy	67	1	5	...	...	7	...	...	3	66	....	...	1	Regular	1
Chapel Hill	Crenshaw	T. E. Morgan	W. H. Rogers	Cook's Stand	51	14	4	1	2	2	...	...	2	68	....	...	1	Regular	1
Damascus	Butler	J E. Kolb	S. F Andress	Earlton	88	..	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	75	.....	....	3	.....	1
Ellis	Lowndes	.....	F. M. May	Sandy Ridge	26	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	26	.....	.....	2	... .	..
Good Hope	Lowndes	R. M. Burt	J. C. Abbott	Greenville	33	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	33	...	....	2	.....	1
Gravel Hill	Not represented.																		
Hickory Grove	Montgomery	R. M. Burt	D. S. Hurst	Davenport	43	10	1	...	...	6	...	...	...	48	.....	....	3	.....	1
Indian Creek	Butler	R. M. Burt	David Harrison	Searcy	94	4	6	...	...	4	1	...	1	98	....	....	4	.....	1
Mountain Hill	Crenshaw	J. G Thomas	R T. Poole	Surls	22	13	..	...	...	2	...	...	...	33	....	...	4	.....	1
New Ebenezer	Crenshaw	J. G. Thomas	Jeff Cook	Highland Home	30	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	39	.....	....	2	.....	1
Panola	Crenshaw	J. G. Thomas	G. R. Vickery	Coleman	21	3	1	1	1	..	1	...	...	26	....	....	3	.....	1
Rutledge	Crenshaw	B. A. Jackson.	Wm. Swarmer	Rutledge	40	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	.....	...	1	.....	1
Siloam	Crenshaw	J. F. Simms	J. B. Foster	Rutledge	65	7	3	..	...	4	2	...	...	68	.....	....	2	.....	1
New Bethel	Lowndes	J. J Pipkin	J. R. Strickland	Braggs	42	7	..	..	1	11	...	...	...	36	....		3	Regular	1
Spring Creek	Butler	T. E. Morgan	W M. Arrington	Daisy	69	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	...	30	2, 4	.....	1
Steep Creek	Lowndes	S. J. Catts.	M. A. Powell	Hayneville	74	8	8	...	2	4	1	...	...	86	9	24	1, 3	Regular	1
Union	Crenshaw	T. E. Morgan.	J. W. Holloway	Honoraville	89	6	3	3	...	3	...	1	1	95	.....	60	4	Regular	1
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	854	89	39	5	6	45	5	1	11	912	9	114			

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.— Rutledge church, W. M. Rushton, Rutledge; Union church, J. T. Petty, Honoraville; Chapel Hill church, T. T. Dobbs, Rutledge; Spring Creek church, W. M. Arrington, Daisy; Steep Creek church, J. M. Dickinson, Morgansville; Mountain Hill church, J. D. Sansom, Surles; New Bethel church, T. S. Hagood, Braggs.

Names of Churches Dismissed to other Associations—New Bethel church to Selma Association.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1893.

CHURCHES.	State Missions. Cash.	State Missions. Voucher.	Home Missions. Cash.	Foreign Missions. Cash.	Foreign Missions. Voucher.	Church Building not at home. Voucher.	Centennial Missions—Cash.	Centennial Missions—Voucher.	Associational Missions—Cash.	Associational Missions—Voucher	Minutes.	Ministerial Education—Cash.	Ministerial Education—Voucher	Orphans' Home—Cash.	Total.	Value of Church Buildings and Furniture.
Antioch									5 00		1 50				6 50	250 00
Chapel Hill									6 00	2 00	2 00				10 00	200 00
Damascus									7 85	2 50	2 50				12 85	350 00
Good Hope									8 00		75				8 75	350 00
Gravel Hill																250 00
Hickory Grove									14 50	1 50	1 50	2 75	2 25		22 50	750 00
Indian Creek						1 10		4 05	10 00		2 15				17 30	500 00
Mountain Hill									2 50		1 00				3 50	150 00
New Ebenezer									5 00		1 75				6 75	250 00
New Bethel	1 00	1 36			1 05				5 00		50	40	10 00		19 31	300 00
Panola									2 50		1 00				3 50	150 00
Rutledge									5 00		1 50				6 50	500 00
Siloam			1 50	1 50					10 00		2 00				15 00	100 00
Spring Creek									5 50	2 80	1 50				9 80	500 00
Steep Creek		8 55							8 00	7 00	2 85		4 90		124 62	1,400 00
Union							80 32		5 10	9 90	1 50				16 50	250 00
Ellis	1 50			1 00					5 00		1 00				8 50	250 00
Cash Collections									118 25						118 25	
Public Collections				8 00											8 00	
For Orphans' Home														90 85	90 85	
Total	2 50	9 91	1 50	10 50	1 05	1 10	80 32	4 05	223 20	25 90	25 00	3 15	17 15	90 85	508 98	6,770 00

Name and Post-office of Moderator—J. E Kolb, Rutledge, Ala. Name and Post-office of Clerk—C. C. Lloyd, Greenville, Ala. Session of 1894 to be held with Antioch church, Butler county, Ala., on Friday, Oct. 5, 1894.

A correct account of all vouchers as well as cash passing through the churches from one Association to another, should be kept and reported fully in the letter, so that they can be summed up in the report, thus giving the denomination a reliable record of work being done in the Association. This report is not accurate, for the reason that the churches have left out many of the vouchers. And remember, that the money and vouchers must first be turned over to the Finance Committee, thus avoiding much confusion. Total for all purposes, $7,774.96.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. McQUEEN, Chairman.

Received of C. C. Lloyd, $15.00 for printing Minutes of Alabama Baptist Association, for the year 1893.

DECLARATION OF FAITH OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction [a]; that it has God for its author [b], salvation for its end [c], and truth without any mixture of error for its matter [d]; that it reveals principles by which God will judge us [e]; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union [f], and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried [g].

(a) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—2 Tim. 3-16-17. (b) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peter 1-21. (c) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name—John 20 31. (d) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm 33 4. (e) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel—Rom. 2-10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. 22-12. (f) Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. 1-9. (g) If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. 1-10.

ART. 2. OF THE TRUE GOD.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God [a], whose name is Jehovah [b], the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth [c], inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d], revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection [e], and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption [f].

(a) God in one—Gal. 3.20. (b) That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth—Psalm 83-18. (c) For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—Col. 1-16. (d) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—Ex. 15-11. (e) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 John 5-7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—Col. 2 9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—Phil. 2-6. (f) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—Jonn 3-17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—Cor. 15-3. And was raised again for our justification—Rom. 4-25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—Heb. 7-25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John 6-63.

ART. 3. OF THE FALL OF MAN.—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker [a,] but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b], being by nature utterly void of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c], and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence and excuse [d].

(a) So God created man in his own image—Gen. 1-27. God made man upright—Ec. 7-29. (b) In Adam all die—1 Cor. 15-22. There is not righteous, no, not one—Rom. 3-10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—John 8-44. (c) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—John 3-18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes. 1-8. (d) And he was speechless—Mat. 22-12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse—Rom. 1-20.

ART. 4. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a], through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b], who took on him our nature, yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his per

sonal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death [d]; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour [f].

(a) For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—Eph. 2-8. (b) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 2-5. (c) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—Heb. 2-14 And in him is no sin—1 John 3-5. (d) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable—Isa. 42-21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—Rom. 5-10. (e) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor—Heb. 2-9. (f) For we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—Heb. 4-15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead—Col. 2-9.

Art. 5 Of Justification.—That the great gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification [a]; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity [d]

(a) Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Rom. 5-1. (b) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—Acts 10.30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—John 3-36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—Rom. 3-25. (c) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—Titus 3-5. (d) He that spared not his own Son. but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things—Rom. 8-32.

Art. 6. Of the Freeness of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel [a]; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b], and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation [d].

(a) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else—Isa. 45 22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely—Rev. 22-17. (b) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts 17-30. (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—John 5 40. (d) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee—Mat. 11-24.

Art. 7. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension for calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel [b]; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God [c].

(a) Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God—John 3:3. (b) And be renewed in the spirit of our mind. And that ye put on the new man, which, after God is created in righteousness and true holiness —Eph. 4:23-24. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit—John 3:3. Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God—1 John 4:7. If a man love me, he will keep my words—John 14:23. (c) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Eph. 2:10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not—1 John 5:18.

ART. 8. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he originates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effect in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

(a) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth—2 Thes. 2:13. (b) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim. 2:10. (c) According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love—Eph. 1:4. (d) And they that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful—Rev. 17:14 (e) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?—Rom. 8:33 34. (f) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure—2 Peter 1:10.

ART. 9. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

(a) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 John 2:9 10. (b) They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 John 2 19. (c) God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—1 Cor. 10:13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter 1:5.

ART. 10. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability, which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man, to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

(a) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one title shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—Mat. 5:18. (b) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandmen holy, and just, and good—Rom. 6:12. (c) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit—Rom 8:4. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law—Rom. 3:31.

ART. 11. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.—That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

(a) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints—Rom. 1:7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death—Rom. 6:4. Paul, an apostle to the churches of Galatia—Gal. 1:1 2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ—Gal. 3:26 27. (b) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 Cor. 13:4-5 (c) A bishop then must be blameless—1 Tim. 3:1-7 Likewise must the deacons be grave—1 Tim. 3:8-9-10; see also Titus 1:7-8-9. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in

word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses—1 Tim. 5:17-18-19.

Art. 12. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit [a]; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior; with its purifying power [b]; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, [c]; in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination [d].

(a) See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said: If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him—Acts 8:36-37-38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Mat. 28:19. (b) Buried with him, in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead—Col. 2:12. (c) Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God—John 3:5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples—Mat. 26:26. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread—Acts 20:7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 Cor. 11:26. (d) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eatof that bread and drink of that cup—verse 28.

Art 13. Of the Christian Sabbath —That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath [a]; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations [b]; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public [c]; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God [d].

(a) I was in the spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1:10. (b) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—Ex. 20:8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. (c) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow—Acts 20:7. (d) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—Heb. 4:9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

Art. 14. Of Civil Government.—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society [a]; and that magistrates are to be prayed for [b]; conscientiously honored and obeyed [c]; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ [d], who is the only Lord of the conscience, and prince of the kings of the earth [e].

(a) For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—Rom. 13:1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. (b) I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority—1 Tim. 1:1-2. (c) Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—Rom. 13:5. (d) We ought to obey God rather than men—Acts 5:29. (e) Christ is the blessed and only potentate, the king of kings, the Lord of lords—1 Tim. 6:15.

Art. 15. Of the Righteous and the Wicked.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [a]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem [b], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [c]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [d].

(a) He that is not with me is against me—Luke 11:23. Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his—Rom. 8:9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth

not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1 John 3:10. (b) To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus—Rom. 3:26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God—1 Cor. 6:11. (c) Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish—Luke 13:3. He that believeth not is condemned already—John 3:18. (d) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still—Rev. 22:11.

ART. 16. OF THE WORLD TO COME.—That the end of this world is approaching [a]; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]; that a solemn separation will then take place [c]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy [d]; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e].

(a) But the end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, sober and watch unto prayer—1 Peter 4:7. (b) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 Thes. 4:16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation—John 5:28–29. (c) And before him shall be gathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—Mat. 25:32. (d) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal—Mat. 25:32. (e) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—Rev. 20:13–14. Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. 18:25.

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